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SENATE BILL 1911

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 1; Title 55 and Title 57, relative to identifications to purchase alcoholic beverages.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 50, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

55-50-3__.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in order to purchase alcoholic beverages, a person attaining the age of twenty-one (21) years on or after the effective date of this act, shall obtain an alcoholic beverage identification card in addition to such person's driver license from the department of safety. The department of safety must provide such person with information regarding the state's laws on alcohol and drug-related offenses as set out in Title 55, Chapter 10, Part 4.

(b) An alcoholic beverage identification card is no longer required to purchase alcoholic beverages once a person attains the age of thirty (30).

(c) It is a Class C misdemeanor to sell an alcoholic beverage to a person less than thirty (30) years of age who does not at the time of purchase display a valid alcoholic beverage identification card.

(d) The alcoholic beverage identification card of a person convicted of the offense of driving under the influence of an intoxicant pursuant to §55-10-401 shall be suspended for the same period of time as such person's driver license is suspended.

(e) Upon the driver license renewal of any person required to have an alcoholic beverage identification card, the department of safety shall upon the request of such person attach an alcoholic beverage identification decal to such person's renewal license in lieu of the alcoholic beverage identification card.

(f) The department of safety shall promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with Title 4, Chapter 5 to effectuate the purposes of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2002, the public welfare requiring it.